

John R. Halliday House  
90 East Second South  
Pleasant Grove  
Utah County  
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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 90 East Second South, Pleasant Grove, Utah  
County, Utah

Present Owner: Brad and Truma Harding

Present Occupant: The Harding Family

Present Use: Residence

Statement of  
Significance: This residence is a high style brick masonry  
design similar to other high style masonry  
residences in Utah at the turn of the century.  
Well executed by local carpenters and masons,  
its appearance modestly reflects the achieve-  
ments of its original owner, John R. Halliday.  
Halliday, a railroad agent, later founded and  
served as the first president of the Bank of  
Pleasant Grove.

### PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

#### A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: c. 1905
2. Architect: Not known
3. Original and subsequent owners:

The Halliday house is built on part of lots 1 and 2,  
Block 17, Plat A, Pleasant Grove Survey. The follow-  
ing references to this lot are found in the Utah  
County Recorder's Office, Utah County Courthouse,  
Provo, Utah:

1889 Deed, signed June 27, 1889, filed July 20, 1889,

recorded in Book 3, page 200. John R. Halliday bought from Ellen Greenhalgh all of lots 1, 2, and 3 for \$950.00.

1922 Deed, signed February 10, 1922, filed December 30, 1922, recorded in Book 214, page 401. H. W. Jacobs bought from John R. Halliday part of lots 1, 2 and 3 for \$1500.00.

1924 Deed, signed January 24, 1924, filed January 10, 1947, recorded in Book 466, page 490. Kate H. Jacobs bought from H. W. Jacobs lot 1 for \$1500.00.

1951 Deed, signed February 14, 1951, filed May 10, 1951, recorded in Book 578, page 606. Kay L. and Joyce H. Jacobs bought from Kate H. Jacobs part of lots 1 and 2 for \$10.00 and other good and valuable consideration.

1965 Deed, signed November 4, 1965, filed November 8, 1965, recorded in Book 1029, page 110. Lavon M. Pack bought from Kay L. and Joyce H. Jacobs part of lots 1 and 2 for \$10.00 and other good and valuable consideration.

1965 Deed, signed November 4, 1965, filed November 8, 1965, recorded in Book 1029, page 111. David H. and Beverly S. Pratt bought from Lavon M. Pack part of lots 1 and 2 for \$10.00, etc.

1972 Deed, signed April 7, 1972, filed April 11, 1972, recorded in Book 1268, page 95. Brad and Truma Harding bought from David H. and Beverly S. Pratt part of lots 1 and 2 for \$10.00, etc.

4. Builder, Contractor, Suppliers, etc.:

Andrew Sundberg, carpenter and Niels P. Poulsen, brick mason were two of the various tradesmen who worked on the house.

5. Original plans, Construction, etc.:

There are no plans for the John R. Halliday house; however, there are several other houses in Pleasant Grove with similar stylistic elements.

This high style design at the turn of the century appears to be a reaction against the simpler and earlier pioneer structures to be found throughout small towns in Utah. Such a house displayed the good fortune of its owner as well as the skills of the carpenter, brick mason and glazier. The numerous windows in the structure exhibit a variety of openings in the facades of the brick fabric. The house contains windows with rounded arches<sup>pointed arches</sup> and a keyhole window which lights the main stairway. The carpenter's work is illustrated in the classical columns and entablature of the porch and the bracketed cornice and decorative frieze.

Despite the varied appearance of each facade, the plan is relatively simple. The main floor contains a living room, dining room, kitchen and original bedroom (now kitchen). The second floor contains a series of three bedrooms, a bath, and ample storage space.

6. Alterations and Additions:

The house burned on February 20, 1924 and was reconstructed (i.e., the interior and roof portions) shortly thereafter. The balustrade apparent in early photos of the building may have been removed at that time.

In 1930 a concrete floor was poured for the porch.

In 1936 the house underwent a major remodelling: the main floor bedroom was made into a kitchen and a laundry was added. The southeast end of the house containing the old kitchen was then made into an apartment and a new bathroom was added in a former storage closet on the second floor.

The white picket fence was removed at an unknown date.

The exterior brick surface was painted for the first time c. 1938-39.

Little more was done to the house until it was purchased in 1972 by the present owners, Brad and Truma Harding. In 1974 a brick veneer was added to the

concrete floor of the porch. During that same year the house was reroofed with asbestos shingles placed over the original cedar shingles.

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structure:

John R. Halliday was a railroad agent for the Salt Lake and Utah Railroad, Manager of the Pleasant Grove Canning Co., and the founder and first president of the Bank of Pleasant Grove. He sold the home in 1922 to his son-in-law, H. W. Jacobs. H. W. Jacobs succeeded Halliday as president of the bank. This position is now held by his son, Kay Jacobs, who lived in the house after his marriage from 1951 until 1962.

C. Sources of Information:

1. Primary sources:

a. Deed Books: Utah County Recorder's Office, Utah County Courthouse, Provo, Utah.

b. Old Views: Two photographs are presently in the possession of the owners.

1. ex.: No date. Taken from the northeast corner of the lot looking in a southwesterly direction. People are unidentified.

2. ex.: No date. Taken from the same position as no. 1, but includes the white picket fence (no longer standing) in the foreground.

c. Interviews:

1. Brad and Truma Harding, Pleasant Grove, Utah,

June 21, 1975.

2. Kay Jacobs, Pleasant Grove, Utah, June 23, 1975.
3. Raymond Nelson, retired carpenter, Pleasant Grove, Utah, June 23, 1975.

2. Secondary sources:

- a. Books: Driggs, Howard R. Timpanogos Town: Story of Old Battle Creek and Pleasant Grove. Manchester, New Hampshire: The Clarke Press, 1948.
- Huff, Emma N., comp. Memories That Live: Utah County Centennial History. Springville, Utah: Daughters of Utah Pioneers of Utah County, 1947.  
(Pleasant Grove, pp. 161-187).

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: High style design brick masonry structure
2. Condition of fabric: good

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: 43'-0" x 42'-9"
2. Foundations: rough-faced, polygonal sandstone with lime-sand mortar
3. Wall construction, finish and color: Original - masonry, low fired brick, salmon; Additions - wood, painted brown.
4. Structural system, framing: Original - masonry wall bearing; Addition - wood frame.
5. Porches: front/side porch, tuscan columns, decorated pediment, brick floor.
6. Chimneys: Brick (2)
7. Openings:
  - a. Doorways and doors: stile and rail wood doors with glass panel - front and rear with glass transom.
  - b. Windows and shutters: fixed and double hung windows with different brick arches. Key hole window with leaded stained and cut glass.
8. Roof:
  - a. Shape, covering: tee-shaped building with hip and gable roof forms.



b. Dormers: swept type

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans:

a. Basement: Stairs in the southeast corner of the building lead to a full basement beneath the original structure. Area is divided into several rooms which are used for storage and furnace.

b. First floor: The entrance from the front porch opens into the living room. To the left of the door is the stairway to the second floor, while directly ahead is an opening to the dining room. To the far right is a door to the new kitchen beyond which is an enclosed porch and bathroom leading to another bathroom and the old kitchen.

c. Second floor: The stairs lead to a hall off of which open all of the bedrooms and the bath.

2. Stairways: Front (main) stairs to the second floor are open with a wood balustrade, newel post, treads and risers (carpeted). Rear stairs to basement are an open wood system without a handrail. Rear stairs in addition are concrete without a handrail.

3. Flooring: original wood flooring covered with carpet, linoleum or asphalt tile, except in the dining room. Enclosed porches have an exposed concrete slab.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: plaster - painted; porches are wood - painted.

5. Doorways and doors: wood stile and rail doors with transom at bedrooms and original kitchen doors to basement and bathroom. Molded casing.
6. Trim: molded trim and baseboard throughout original building; flat trim and baseboard in present kitchen and first floor bath.
7. Hardware: mortise passage and locksets, brass rose
8. Lighting: incandescent
9. Heating: forced warm air system

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: located on southwest corner of intersection. Building faces north.
2. Outbuildings:
  - a. Walks, enclosures: sidewalks lead from house to both adjacent streets.

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